

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES

(of SRC meeting held on Thursday, September 12, 1991
at 10:00 A.M., in Room BC-226, SGW campus)

ATTENDANCE -

Members present: V. Baba, P. Bird, U. De Brentani, E. Doedel, D. Ginter, J.N. Lightstone (Chair), D. Marklewicz, R.J. Parker, P. Shizgal, M.N.S. Swamy, A. Williams, Evelyne Loo (Secretary)

Absent with regrets: S. Sankar

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

In Advance:

SRC-09-12-91-D143 The Medical Research Council's Position Paper on Scientific Integrity.

At Meeting:

SRC-09-12-91-D144 Memo from A.J. Williams to J. Lightstone dated August 1, 1991, Re: 1990-1991 Summary of Research Grants and contracts awarded to Concordia University Researchers.

SRC-09-12-91-D145 Report from the four Faculties on the distribution of Research Funds 1990-1991.

Dr. Jack N. Lightstone occupied the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. The Chair welcomed the new Committee members and each member introduced himself or herself.

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair added "Subjects to be discussed during this coming Academic year" to Item 8 of the Agenda and it was approved by the Committee.

2.0 MINUTES

As there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting, they were approved unanimously.

There was no business arising.

3.0 REPORT OF CHAIR

The Chair announced that the FRDP Committee has just completed two of its three rounds for the current year, namely the Targeted Grants and the first round of the Start-Up Programme. The FRDP competition has in some respects followed more or less the same pattern as last year. The number of applications for Start-Up grants was almost double last year's total.

Swamy suggested that more money should be available for equipment. Chair noted that such suggestions be sent in writing to him for consideration by the FRDP Committee.

D. Glinter asked if the FRDP Committee had established procedures for awarding the second and third instalments. The Chair noted that in order to receive a second or third instalment, awardees have to provide a progress report at the end of each annual cycle. Awardees who have been granted a one-year award, have to submit a final report at the end of that period. The FRDP Committee will at the end of this year's competition review the results and submit a report to SRC.

4. REPORT OF DIRECTOR, RESEARCH SERVICES

A.J. Williams announced that three submissions have been received for DEC and the Committee will be meeting on Friday, September 13.

4. REPORT OF DIRECTOR, RESEARCH SERVICES (Continued)

It was also announced that two information sessions were held as a follow-up to the earlier ones in the Spring. One was for FCAR and one for SSHRC. Both workshops were dominated by new hires, and the majority of questions were asked by them.

The Seagram Fund for Academic Innovation is again calling for applications. Deadline date is November 15, 1991, forms available from ORS.

5.0 MRC PAPER ON SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY

MRC, acting on behalf of all the federal granting agencies has requested reactions to a position paper on scientific integrity. A copy of the position paper has been sent to select university groups including the SRC, responses are required by September 20, 1991.

6a IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENT RE: "THE ENHANCEMENT OF RESEARCH AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY" (adopted by University Senate, May 1991)

The above document was approved by Senate in May and circulated to Academic Units. The Senate Research Committee has been asked by Senate to recommend more specific guidelines for the implementation of the principles and strategies in question. The Chair reminded the Committee that the deadline for input to the MRC was the end of September, only two responses received to-date.

6b INPUT FROM SRC CONCERNING GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE APPRAISAL OF ACADEMIC UNITS

At the last Senate Meeting, a document was adopted mandating Faculties to conduct periodic appraisals of academic units. The process used would be approved and monitored by APC (Academic Planning Committee) and APC would follow up original document with a set of guidelines.

7. MEMBERS-AT-LARGE FOR 1991-1992

Chair noted that each year the SRC nominated two members-at-large to ensure representation in all disciplinary areas. Since Computer Science and Humanities, have no other representation, Drs. Doedel and Ginter were invited to remain on the Committee for a further year. Both accepted. The nominations will be submitted to Senate for ratification.

8. Varia

Chair has asked the Committee whether particular subjects should be added at this time to the year's agenda. The "Status of postdoctorates" will be discussed sometime at the beginning of the new year.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. in Room BC-110.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.